

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application, and early favorable action by the Examiner.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1–13 will be pending. Claims 1–9 have been amended, and new claims 10–13 have been added. Support for the amendments and for the new claims may be found, for example, in the specification of application PCT/US2003/034607 as originally filed, e.g., page 7, lines 14–19; page 10, lines 11–13 and 30–31; page 11, lines 3–4; and Figures 1, 4, 5, and 7 and related text, and in the previously filed claims of application PCT/US2003/034607. No new matter has been added.

Enclosed is a check for \$1,000.00 for the filing, search, and examination fees. Please charge any other fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

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